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In re PCT International Application of )  
HOEK, Arend )  
Int. Appln No.: PCT/EP2003/007785 )  
Intl. Filing Date: 17 July 2003 )  
PROCESS TO PREPARE A MICROCRYSTALLINE WAX )  
AND A MIDDLE DISTILLATE FUEL )

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: